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**STRATFORD POLICE SHOOTING****INVESTIGATED BY CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE**

On 11/20/04 at 3:55 a.m. Stratford Police Department received a 911 call from a complainant reporting that she was not at home, but a witness advised her that a male acquaintance had made an unauthorized forced entry into her single family home located at 315 Wilber Drive in Stratford.

Two Stratford Police officers responded to the scene. Verbal communications was established with the suspect male who was inside of the residence. The male was ordered to exit the home. When he exited the house he had of a "long" gun in his hands. He was ordered by police to drop the weapon. He refused to comply with that direction. The male advanced toward the police officers in a threatening manner. Both Officers discharged their service weapons at the male suspect severely wounding him. EMS responded to the scene provided emergency care, and transported the wounded suspect to Bridgeport Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Stratford Police Officers secured the entire scene. At the request of Stratford Police Chief Michael Imbro and the Bridgeport State's Attorney Office the State Police Central District Major Crime Squad was assigned to conduct the investigation into this shooting. Both agencies are assisting the State Police in this investigation.

A post mortem examination of the deceased will be conducted at the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiners Office to determine the cause of death. The identity of the deceased is being withheld at this time pending notification of next of kin.

The identities of both Stratford Police Officers are also being withheld at this time, one is a 31-year veteran and the second is a 2-year veteran of the department. Both Officers have been assigned to administrative duties pending the completion of this investigation. This case remains under investigation.

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